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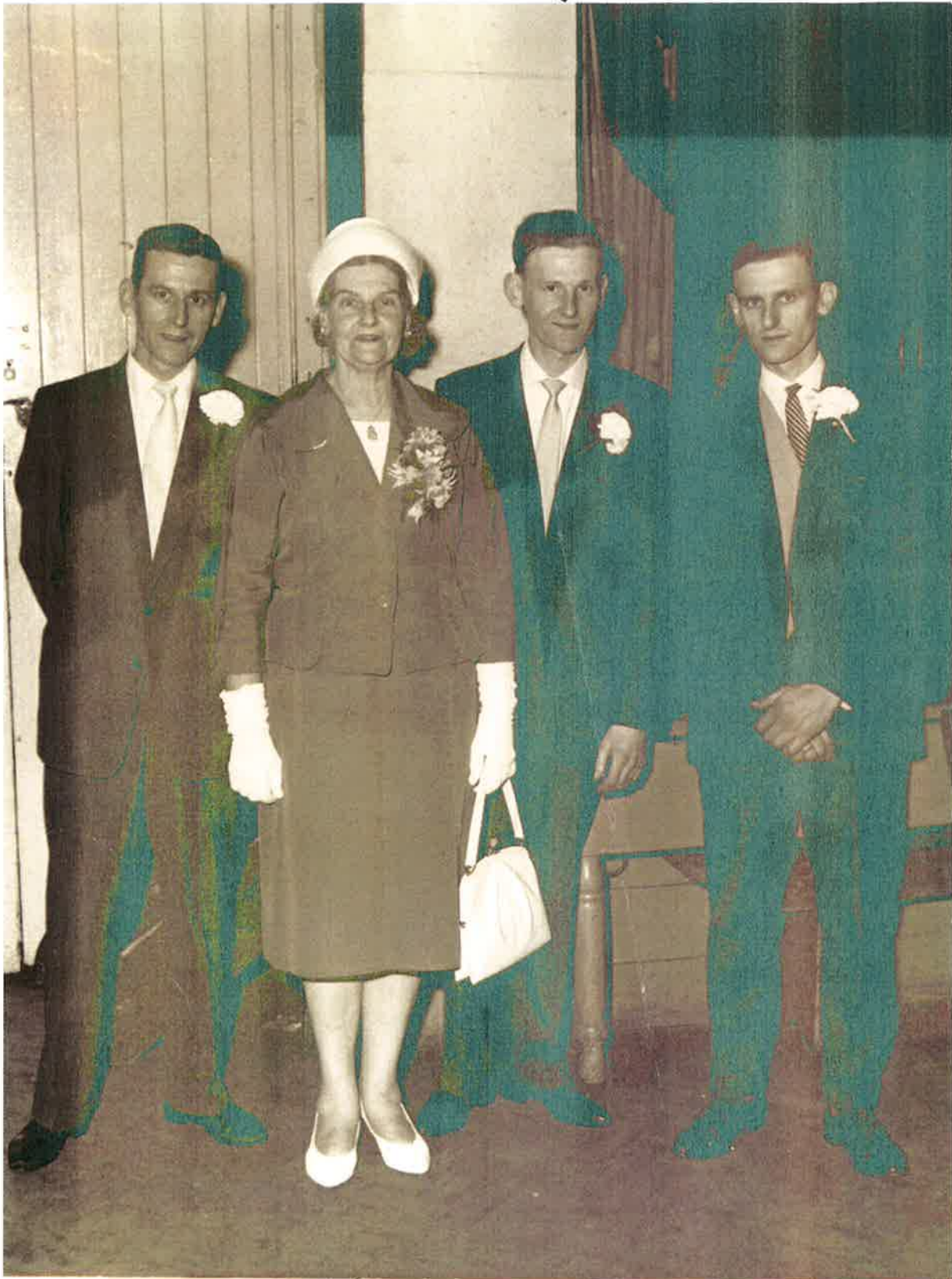
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Ron



Peter



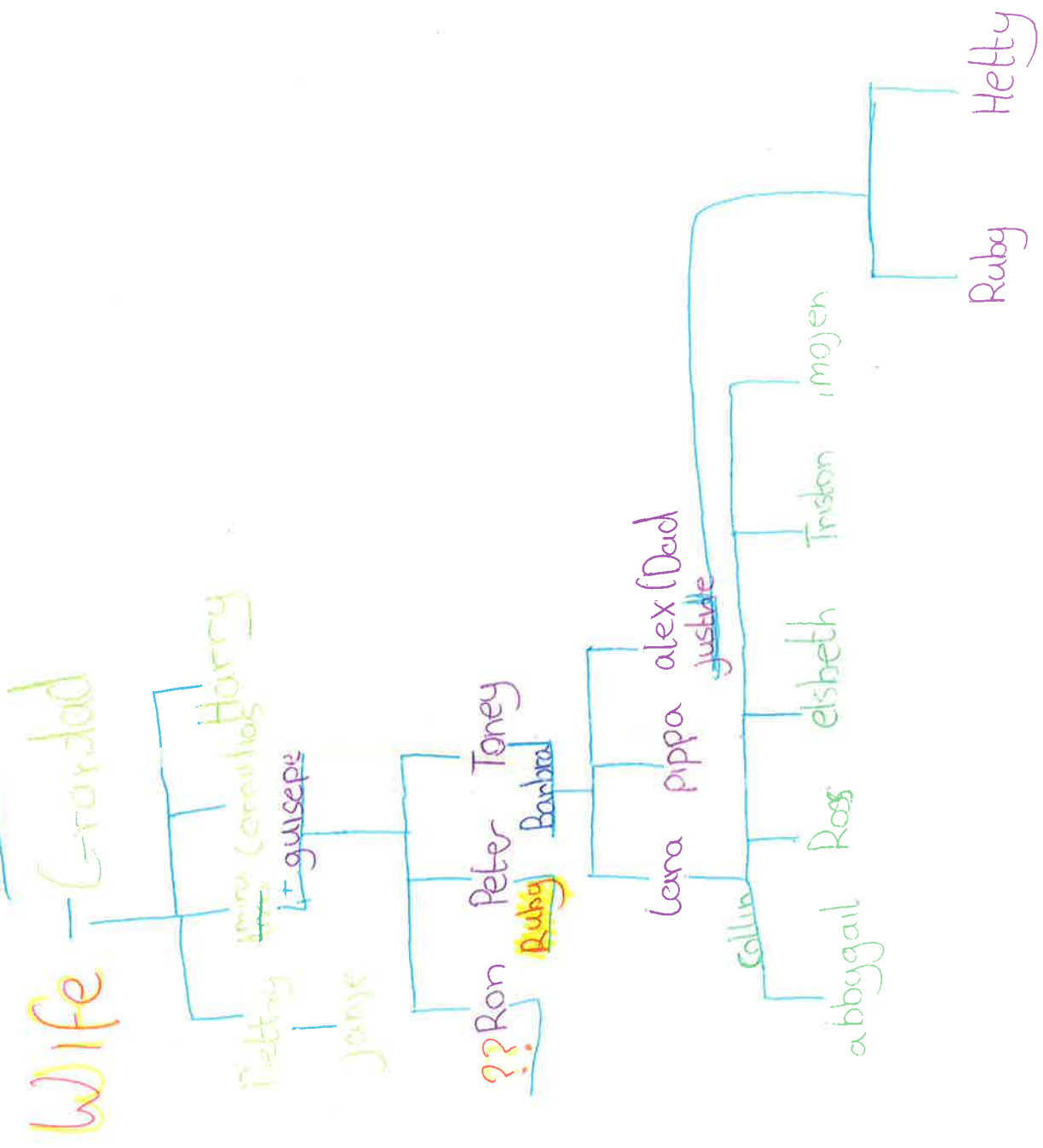
Tony
Gazzaniga



Great
Grandma

-  = fof fofsters.
-  = Van Huizen
-  = Gazzaniga
-  = ????
-  = Smith
-  = Angus

Family Tree



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